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STEEL WIRE AND SPECIFIED WIRE PRODUCTS

Shipments of steel wire by Canadian producers amounted to 8,779 tons in August, 1954, compared with 7,435 tons in the corresponding month of 1953. This month's total included 6,121 tons of plain wire, 1,972 tons of galvanized wire, 129 tons of other coated wire, 491 tons of barbed wire and 66 tons of cold rolled flat wire.

Producers' shipments of wire fencing in the current month were higher than in August of last year, the amounts being 895 tons and 804 tons respectively, and the shipments of steel wire nails were up to 6,996 tons from 5,959 tons in August, 1953.

Table 1 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

	August, 1953		August, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
Steel wire -				
Plain	18,009	5,212	21,146	6,121
Galvanized	3,846	1,567	3,867	1,972
Other coated	146	115	103	129
Barbed	520	451	587	491
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	158	90	124	66
Wire fencing -				
Woven wire farm fencing	680	457	690	494
Woven wire lawn fencing	20	20	22	38
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ..	424	327	421	363
Wire rope -				
Steel wire rope	1,595	1,680	1,101	1,708
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less*	53	58	89	107
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	499	534	507	454
Nails, tacks and staples -				
Wire nails, iron and steel	5,377	5,959	7,257	6,996
Cut nails, iron and steel	65	66	75	74
Nails, aluminum	4	5	8	9
Wire staples, steel	198	169	114	87
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	61	104	61	80

* - Clothesline wire, in 1953.

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Table 2 - Production and Shipments of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products, Eight Months Ended August, 1953 and 1954

	Eight months ended August, 1953		Eight months ended August, 1954	
	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped	Tonnage made	Tonnage shipped
	(Tons of 2,000 pounds)			
<u>Steel wire -</u>				
Plain	160,158	53,666	166,504	46,797
Galvanized	35,799	15,355	40,641	18,131
Other coated	1,289	1,131	1,166	965
Barbed	5,284	6,646	6,027	7,440
Cold rolled flat wire of all sizes, qualities and finishes	1,569	922	1,520	853
<u>Wire fencing -</u>				
Woven wire farm fencing	9,183	10,754	9,272	10,418
Woven wire lawn fencing	1,122	1,215	1,109	1,151
Woven wire chain link fabric (including tonnage used in industrial fencing) ...	2,771	2,542	2,848	2,575
<u>Wire rope -</u>				
Steel wire rope	12,258	14,032	9,626	12,319
Stranded wire, 5/32" diameter and less* .	619	574	1,153	841
Other stranded wire (including multiple strand wire)	4,274	4,477	4,744	4,315
<u>Nails, tacks and staples -</u>				
Wire nails, iron and steel	42,520	46,527	50,256	51,505
Cut nails, iron and steel	518	841	475	464
Nails, aluminum	62	64	52	50
Wire staples, steel	1,190	1,315	1,352	1,914
Tacks of steel, brass and copper	806	747	590	655

* - Clothesline wire in 1953.

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	July, 1954		Seven Months Ended July, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire fencing	429,300	24,120	3,362,200	212,849
Wire of steel, drawn flat or cold rolled flat after drawing, not more than .25 inch in width and less than .1875 inch in thickness, coated or not, n.o.p.	47,500	7,685	302,100	58,799
Wire of iron or steel, coated with zinc, n.o.p.	405,900	41,603	3,345,000	321,448
Wire, steel, single or several coated, n.o.p., or covered with any material	28,800	11,454	464,100	116,231
Wire, steel, twisted, braided or stranded, including wire rope or cable, coated or not, n.o.p.	932,500	163,733	6,227,000	1,016,441
Wire for upholstery springs	70,100	5,611	2,337,800	184,577

Table 3 - Imports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products (Concluded)

Item	July, 1954		Seven months ended July, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Wire for corset steels or dress stays	17,600	6,986	84,900	36,479
Wire of steel, valued at not less than 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents per pound, for the manufacture of wire rope	1,522,900	166,178	12,940,600	1,406,983
Wire of steel, single, not covered, in coils, for fishing operations, n.o.p. ..	-	17,261	-	102,539
Wire for the manufacture of machine card clothing	500	179	13,200	3,741
Wire of iron or steel, n.o.p.	726,500	75,145	5,456,400	711,757
Woven or welded wire fencing, from wire not more than .144 inch and not less than .080 inch in diameter	-	25,991	-	102,711
Woven or welded wire fencing, coated or not, n.o.p.	-	10,290	-	93,374
Wire of rust or acid resisting steel, twisted or stranded, for commercial fishing operations	-	1,267	-	7,241
Cut nails	13,000	5,103	249,300	39,181
Tacks of all kinds	193	238	41,109	10,134
Wire nails over 1" and wire roofing nails of all sizes	1,641,700	111,870	9,701,500	674,774
Nails and brads	20,534	5,546	202,042	56,453

NOTE: "n.o.p." means "not otherwise provided for" in the statistical classification.

Data on imports during August are not yet available.

Table 4 - Exports of Steel Wire and Specified Wire Products

Item	August, 1954		Eight months ended August, 1954	
	Pounds	\$	Pounds	\$
Barbed wire	-	-	2,600	105
Other wire of iron and steel	-	3,177	-	18,998
Woven wire fencing	-	2,034	-	3,219
Wire nails	5,100	517	5,900	682
Tacks	24,600	4,806	324,700	67,993
Nails and brads, other	400	67	9,700	1,995



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